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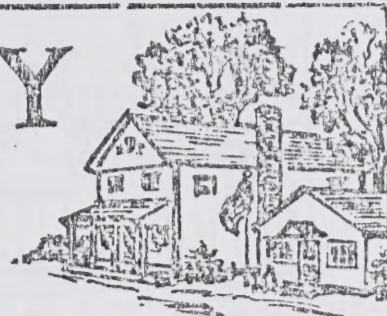








# MONTEREY NEWS



September, 1979

## OUR TOWN

### New Plan for Lake Buel

After six years of funded studies and frustrated plans for the improvement of Lake Buel, Ed Meneker of the Lake Buel Association has come up with a new idea. It is possible for a public body to apply directly to the Environmental Protection Agency for funds available out of Section 314, a part of the Clean Waters Act which deals specifically with Lake Management and Weed Control. An application for these funds has been prepared jointly by Steve Roy of Berkshire Regional Planning and Joe Moynihan of J. F. Moynihan and Associates. The application will be made by the towns of Monterey and New

Marlborough and the Lake Buel Association. The proposed plan involves a central structure which will enable winter drawdown and sediment removal if funding is granted. The EPA will pay for 50% of the project. Responsibility for the other 50% will be divided among the towns of Monterey and New Marlborough, the Lake Buel Association and the State of Massachusetts.

### Wood Co-op Taking Shape

Following an organizational meeting on August 21 and a presentation and discussion at the August 28 Community Dinner, ideas and plans for a Wood Co-op are being compiled by a group of interested townspeople headed by Will Friedman and Martin Bernstein. The questionnaire included in this issue will indicate the kinds of considerations being dealt with at present. A publication listing sources of wood, capabilities of wood cutters, available equipment and people who need wood will be put together out of questionnaire data and distributed throughout the town. Considerable enthusiasm has been shown for the project, and more developments will be forthcoming. Anyone with questions to ask or energy to volunteer call Will Friedman at 528-4825.

### No Nukes Group Looking for Energy Alternatives

A group of townspeople, formed out of a meeting July 13 and a presentation during I Love Monterey Day, met Thursday, September 13, to draft a second round of letters to be sent to state agencies responsible for the health and safety of the Commonwealth. The first query, signed by the Board of Selectmen and sent to the Mass. Department of Public Health, requested monitoring of radiation levels in Monterey. The response was partial, stating that the monitoring which is presently being done at the Rowe Plant indicates no difference between radiation levels around the plant and those created by natural sources of radiation. There was no acknowledgment of Monterey's request for individual monitoring. The newly formed committee, with the authorization of the Board of Selectmen, intends to try again with the same request as well as to write the Department of Public Works regarding transportation of radioactive wastes and to query Civil Defense agencies about emergency evacuation plans.

The scope of the group has widened to include a search for realistic energy alternatives, and will begin with an inventory of resources such as wood, wind, sun, water and fuel crops in Monterey. This will be accompanied by an energy audit which will establish the total cost of oil, gas and electricity incurred annually by the Town. This information will be assembled in consultation with the Center for Ecological Technology in Pittsfield and will result in a Town Energy Plan. Anyone wishing to help is advised to call Mickey Friedman at 528-9200.

### New Road Superintendent

On July 27 Carl Champigny resigned his post as Road Superintendent in order to take a job offered him by the Department of Public Works. Before he left, among other things, he managed to get the Town Shed painted and flowers planted around it. "Morning glories up to the roof," says Carl. John Fields of River Road is the newly hired superintendent.

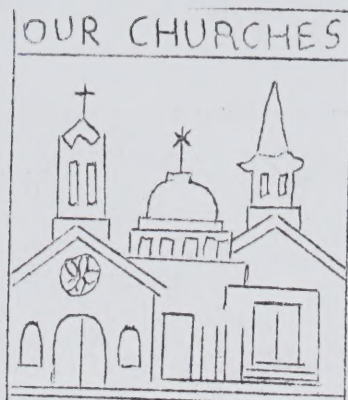
### Paving to Be Done on Roads

The Board of Selectmen announced that paving will be done this month on Gould Road and Beartown Road. There will be a second coat laid on New Marlborough Road and Fenn Road. The driveway leading into Greene Park will be paved and this includes the new basketball court. The court area is owned by the Grange and will be rented henceforth for \$1 a year by the Town.

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The Monterey Chapel is now closed for the winter. Mass . Immaculate Conception in Mill River 10:00 a.m. Sundays. Mass at our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

Many thanks to all that helped make our food, tag and art sale a success. Over \$200 was realized. Genevieve Brosseau won the \$50 gift certificate from Price Chopper.

#### United Church of Christ

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Kindergarten class 10:30 a.m. . . . The memorial service for Grace Miner was held on Saturday, September 15. She was especially remembered as organist for the Monterey Church for almost forty years.

#### World Communion Sunday

Our church will join with Christians throughout the world to celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 7. The invitation to share in this service of celebration is for all in the community who wish to participate in it.



On the same Sunday as World Communion it has been traditional to receive the Neighbors in Need offering. This offering has been designated to help special groups within our country who have been disadvantaged. Especially designated to receive help are ministers to American Indians and newly arrived immigrants in this country. Other groups will be served as well.

#### Fall Clothing Collection

In cooperation with Church World Service our church is helping to sponsor the fall collection of good used clothing to help in various places of world need. Especially being emphasized are the large number of persons who need help because of recent hurricane losses. The collection in Monterey will be completed on September 21. Money for blankets which will be purchased for \$4 is especially needed this year. Clothes may be left at the Monterey Store or at the church.

#### "OUR TOWN" (continued)

##### Fire Extinguishers, Wood Safety

The Monterey Fire Department is selling fire extinguishers of various descriptions and will be able to recharge them when necessary. Call Ray Tryon or drop by the fire meeting on Wednesday evenings for more information on what is available.

Sometime during the fall the firemen will be offering a presentation on wood safety which will include literature and information on all aspects of burning wood. Individuals with questions about their particular wood situation will be accommodated as far as is possible at the firehouse and may request a later consultation at their home by a member of the Fire Department. Watch for further details on the date and time of this meeting.

##### I Love Monterey Day

During the deluge on I Love Monterey Day, a Festival of the Earth, the earth received the rain with characteristic grace while participants in the event managed with fractional dignity. Fortunately the parade, an extravagant and captivating burlesque, found its way down Main Street before the skies opened, because otherwise we might never have heard the hastily assembled, now legendary Indigenous Marching Band, nor might we have seen Arnie Hayes in knickers, the Loder family on pie pan percussion, the Webers in Mexican hats, the hot pink heart banner, Lucy Smith and Olive Davis marching in pleated plastic rain hats, Meadowlark Camp metamorphosing, kids on banana bikes with streamers, girls on horseback with I Love Monterey patchwork saddle blankets and two week old Myra Raney, Monterey's youngest citizen, sleeping in her Snuggli despite the howl of the fire truck behind her.

Shakespeare & Company got serious, read about Creation, quoted e. e. cummings. Alexander Dreier got rained out in mid-sentence. Mickey Friedman, Stuart Sagar and Nick Nicholson spoke to a steamy, packed library basement about Nukes, Communities and Solar Energy. Milly Walsh sold health foods under a makeshift plastic lean-to. Gould Farm effortlessly turned out cheddar-sprout sandwiches. David McAilester's songs and stories in his teepee won the Captive Audience Award as the skies outdid themselves. Fairies and puppets cavorted in Bidwell Park. Steve Rose sang custom-made Monterey songs in the church sanctuary. Arts, crafts, baked goods and resource materials appeared, gamely persevered and finally, variously, slunk damply home, retreated to the church basement or stuck it out till mid-afternoon. As many things did not happen as did happen. What did happen got wet and blurry and altered. But Monterey felt itself being itself in the summer rain. Typically, there were more people marching in the parade than there were watching it. The I Love Monterey T-shirt sales just covered the Festival expenses. Once again we came out even, and everybody profited. Viva Monterey!

#### SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION IN MONTEREY

Gayle Morelle will be in Monterey on Monday, October 15 from 10 am. to 2 pm. in the Monterey Church social room. She will gladly answer questions and give help regarding any person's Social Security program.



## SEARCHING FOR THE PERSONAL

There is a deep cry in the human heart for the personal. We are persons and we want to relate to others on a personal level. Yet what a large part of our existence and our connections with others proceeds on a less than open, face-to-face level. We depend to a large extent on formal rules and socially accepted rituals for most of our dealings with other persons.

Does it not strike you as strange that the hunger for the personal is nearly universal, yet the day-to-day conduct of our lives is carried on in a manner that carefully skirts around having genuinely personal encounters? Why? What could possibly cause us to make such a charade of our lives? Most of us are not ashamed to admit our longing for a more personal style of life. Why then do we go to such lengths to guard against our contacts with others becoming too personal?

I don't need to tell you that this brings us face to face with one of the major paradoxes of being human. I will not, in this article, presume to uncover and reveal all in one of the classic mysteries of our existence. Yet I do believe this is one of the major assignments given to each of us as we take on the pilgrimage of living out our lives. Somewhere within us deeply implanted, is the task of finding the way to translate what we are and do into more personal, face-to-face ways of relating to others.

This paradox was neatly described to me by a young woman who has been on her own for the past few years. She said that her father comes by where she works two or three times a week. It is clear that he comes by intention and not by accident. Yet she said, "We never really talk with each other." It wasn't that there was no conversation. It was simply that their words skirted around things that really mattered to both of them. Yet it is important to note that the ritual of meeting with each other still continues. ~~There is hope, wouldn't you say?~~ So long as there is the desire, the intention, they may yet find the way to get beyond the formal, ritualistic way they are dealing with each other at present.

Would you guess with me what lies behind this ritual of father and daughter seeing each other two or three times a week, yet never really talking? Isn't it some kind of fear? Fear of what? maybe it is the fear that if each said things they really felt it might destroy the bit of relationship they do have. So rather than risk losing the thread of relationship they have, they go on meeting in this formal, ritualistic way. The personal is still in what they are doing, but it lacks so much of the larger quality for which both of them are longing.

Marriages begin with so much promise. The real promise that lies behind marriage is that it is the road to the personal. It will lead to intimacy, closeness, openness. We sense that this is the way to becoming free as persons. When marriages fail the pain and disappointment are enormous. Such a great blessing was sought. It is so very painful when its promise begins to fade away. As the personal fades away, the relationship between husband and wife often becomes formal, ritualistic, emptied of meaning. How is it that something once vibrating with so much meaning may still go on with so little content left in it? Are not husband and wife in something of the same boat as the father and daughter? Are they not holding onto fragments, bits and pieces for fear they may lose the little quality of the personal they have left?

The truth about the personal begins to appear. The personal is where power resides. It has the power to create. It has the power to destroy. The personal is very closely related to words like open, honest, direct, truthful. When these words, and what they imply, come into play in a person's life it is as though enormous energy is released.

I watched a man driving a car recently. He had one foot on the brake and the other on the gas pedal. Power was being applied, but it was being checked at the same time. The many ways we avoid the personal in our day-to-day contacts are like keeping our foot on the brake. A part of us knows the power of the personal and longs to use it, yet the fearful side of us keeps applying the brake lest the personal turn out to have more power to destroy than to create.

More and more I am learning to equate the personal with spirit. One who is truly personal is spiritual. It is surely no secret that in humans the more they trust the spirit within them the more they are free to engage with the whole flow of life that surrounds them.

This is a plea for the personal. I wish I had the understanding and the skill to stand with all persons who long for the release of the personal in their lives. This is another way of saying they want the power that resides within them to be released. The next time you find yourself tied down to a formal, ritualistic way of relating to people, begin to ask yourself why you are driving with your brakes on. Is the spirit, the power, the personal within you really that dangerous?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister  
Monterey United Church of Christ





On the evening of July 29 a delightful entertainment was provided for the group here by a medieval program. Picnic tables were arranged in a semi-circle on the Little House lawn. Waiters in 16th century costumes served a dinner appropriate for the period, while recorders were played by Alexander Dreier and Virgil Stucker. After dinner Debbie Schwartz played the flute. Gail Coppeck and Nancy Lefever followed with dulcimers. A clown, Rob Gross, darted in and out between the tables. Then came the high point of the evening. Two scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" were enacted by some lively players. Alexander and Olivia Dreier were Bottom and

Titania. A marvelous ass's head and also a fine lion's head had been designed and made by Romi Chesney. Shelby Loder was a convincing and lovely fairy. In fact, she was two fairies, as Brooke fell ill and could not play her part. Other parts were played with spirit by Hugh and Patsy Chapman, Richard Durham, Jon Eisenstadt, Judy Reed and Tamara Safford. It was an occasion to be remembered.

In mid-August Melinda Laubie came to join the staff as a work leader, until Christmas. Her first ten years of life were spent in the Philippines, where her parents were missionaries. Since then she has lived and attended school in New Jersey. She plans to enter Warren-Wilson College in North Carolina.

On August 24 a group of two staff members and eight residents came from Spring Lake Ranch in Cuttingsville, Vermont, to spend the night. They joined in the work program Friday afternoon, shelling corn for the cows. Saturday they went on a hike, played in a soft ball game and, before leaving that night, took part in a rock dance.

September 2 there occurred the last of several house-warming parties. This one was at Rockside, where the Dreiers are making their home. The party began with games that were fun for everybody, and went on with very good refreshments.

The weather on Labor Day was kind. It chose to rain only briefly at four o'clock. A home-grown steak cook-out was prepared and served back of the main house. Following that was a puppet show, given by Alexander and Olivia Dreier, and then there was folk dancing.

Rose McKee

#### Monterey Grange #291

Monterey Grange met August for an Agriculture Program which consisted of farming hints, floral and vegetable arrangements and baked goods. Contest winners were Violet Hardisty, Alice Shaffer, Amy Enoe, Annette Nelson, Ethel Katchen and Florence and Tillie Butler.

The recent food sale was a success and the Grange wishes to thank everyone who helped make it so.

The Lecturer, Mary Wallace, recently attended the Lecturers' Conference at Kingston, Rhode Island.

The Grange had an exhibit at the Barrington Fair.

The Grange met September 5. Officers for 1979-80 were impressively installed by Deputy Lucy Wuori and suite. Richard and Patricia Hardisty are members of her suite.

The last meeting was on September 19. The theme of the program was "Do Your Own Thing," with officers in charge of the program.

#### NUCLEAR POWER IN MONTEREY

Mary Wallace  
Lecturer

Four committees were formed as a result of last Thursday's meeting on the dangers of nuclear power and our current energy plight. Mickey Friedman, who called and chaired the meeting, and Mary Ward will head a committee to address the problems of public health and safety in the event of nuclear accident at the atomic power plant in nearby Rowe, or an accident involving wastes that are being trucked through town. A committee to pinpoint the routes and schedules of the waste trucks will be headed by Jan Laroue.

Under the direction of Alan Silverstein, who works for the Pittsfield-based Center for Ecological Technology (CET), a third committee of ten people was created to conduct a town-wide energy audit. Al said CET is interested in promoting Monterey as a model energy self-sufficient community, and toward this end Ned Nisson, director of CET, will avail the services of his organization to the project. The fourth committee is notably a continued one-man effort on the part of Bernard Kleban to investigate both sides of the nuclear power question, as he has done since the early

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Great Barrington Camera Club On Wednesday, September 12, at 8 o'clock, the Camera Club began this year's meetings at the St. James Parish Hall in Great Barrington. The program consisted of an open slide competition and a slide show entitled "Wonderment" by the judge for the meeting, Fran Kelsey.

#### BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts The Cub Scouts are beginning this year's meetings in September under the direction of Mrs. Maryellen Brown.

#### GIRL SCOUTS

Juniors and Cadettes The Juniors and Cadettes will be starting their year on Wednesday, September 19, with a meeting in the library basement after school. Mrs. Linda Whitbeck will once again be their leader.

Brownies All first, second and third grade girls from Monterey and New Marlborough are eligible to join this year's troop under the leadership of Mrs. Nancy Kalodner, Mrs. Stephanie Grotz and Mrs. Maureen Bradley. The group will begin its meetings in early October.

#### LITTLE LEAGUE

On August 24 the Yankee Little League team went to Lake Taghkanic, State Park in New York for a picnic.

The entire team and Coach Leroy Thorpe would like to express their deepest thanks to Mr. Robert Gauthier for all the help that he gave to the team during this Little League season.

#### YOUTH GROUP

The Monterey Youth Group was represented in the I Love Monterey Day parade. They carried banners and balloons. They also sold balloons during the day.

Planning is underway for the group to pick and sell apples this fall.

They are working on setting up a date for a fall retreat to the Warner Farm in Cummington, Massachusetts.

In October the group is planning to reorganize and re-elect officers and committees.

Kevin Bradley  
Youth Editor

#### NUCLEAR POWER IN MONTEREY (continued)

1950's. He hopes by further probing of available evidence to discern whether we need this type of power if we use our renewable energy resources effectively and step up our conservation efforts.

In conjunction with an inventory of our current energy needs (type, amount and cost), an assessment of our town's renewable resources (hydro, solar, wood and bio-mass) will be conducted to see if the people of Monterey can become a self-reliant community/

Selectman Jed Lipsky, owner of Blue Hill Logging Company, responded to a proposed cordwood co-op with the promise of bulk deliveries if and when a suitable site for a town woodpile is found and a workable program for the cutting and distribution of firewood is set forth.

Sharon Steinberg suggested that bulk orders of weather stripping and insulation be purchased through the food co-op at great savings for those who need to winterize their homes now.

On October 4, at 7:30 p.m., a second meeting will be held in the church basement to further discuss these topics and update town members on committee progress. Please attend.



### Wood Heat in Monterey

This questionnaire will lead to a resource sheet that will begin to set up a communications system regarding safe installation and use of wood stoves, proper woodlot management and gathering and distribution of firewood. Those interested are asked to fill out and return this questionnaire to Box 152 as soon as possible.

1. I have woodland with potential firewood but I need help getting it cut and getting it out. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I have woodland that needs thinning. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I have a chain saw, I know how to cut wood and I need access to woodland \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have a tractor, truck, trailer, horse, mule, sled etc. and can help harvest and distribute wood. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Those without any of the above, but who are willing to contribute their efforts in other ways (carrying wood, providing food for the workers, etc.) please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_
6. In the space remaining, please write your name, address and telephone number, and any comments that you might have \_\_\_\_\_

### Monterey News Mailings

If you are not now getting the Monterey News and would like to receive it, write or telephone to Debbie Reed, Monterey, 528-3767.

### A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

This month we are deeply indebted to the following for their generous contributions: Mr. and Mrs James Connery and Mr. and Mrs. John Howard.

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* I have lived in and loved Monterey for 5 years and am
* looking for two acres of land to build on. I prefer
* high land with a southwesterly exposure. Please write
* Mickey Friedman, Box 146, Monterey.
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